LT distribution system in Sarojini Nagar

581. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether CPWD has not deposited the required amount with NDMC with regard to establishment to LT distribution system in Sarojini Nagar area of New Delhi;

(b) whether due to this NDMC has served notice on consumers using small airconditioners and other electrical gadgets for disconnecting their electrical connections;

(c) if so, the details of dispute between CPWD and NDMC authorities; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that consumers are not harassed by NDMC till the dispute between NDMC and CPWD is resolved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Preliminary estimate amounting to Rs. 5,61,18,646/- has been approved by the Standing Finance Committee for the work.

(b) NDMC has served notices to 78 consumers who are using air conditioners unauthorisedly, without sanction of load.

(c) There is no dispute between CPWD and NDMC in view of (a) above.

(d) Consumers are not being harassed in any way. They have only been advised to use the load within the sanctioned limit.

Master Plans for urban centres

582. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has emphasised the need for preparing master plans for every urban centre in the country;

(b) if so, whether this would help in identifying and forecasting future demand of urban facilities and infrastructure so as to meet the demand; and

(c) whether Government are of the view that 40 per cent. of country's population is expected to be in urban centres by 2025 and there is a need to give priority to the needs of the urban poor and respond to their needs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Urban Development is a State subject and preparation of Master Plan for every urban centre is to be undertaken by the respective State Governments. In a National Level Conference on Urban Development Plan Formulation and Implementation (UDPFI). Guidelines organized by this Ministry earlier, the need for preparation of Master Plans for urban centres was emphasized to all the State Government representatives.

(b) In the Master Plan of a town, requirements of physical and social infrastructure are assessed and indicated on the basis of projected population for a perspective period of 20—25 years. This helps in identifying and forecasting future demands of urban facilities and infrastructure.

(c) As per "Census of India 1991: Population projections for India and States 1996—2016" published by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India and the Report of the Technical Group on Population Projections constituted by the Planning Commission, in August 1996, 33.79% of India's population is expected to be in urban centres by July 2016. This would necessitate due priority to the needs of the Urban Poor and response to their needs by the State Governments and local bodies.

Sale of DDA flats at discount

†583. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Grahakon ko akarshit karne ke liye 20 feesdi chhoot per flat bechega DDA", which appeared in Rashtriya Sahara, dated the 14th May, 2002;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.